



**Avon Coalition For  
Every Student**

**The Power of Youth to Change Policy**

# Brief Overview of ACES

## Youth Engagement

- \*Policy

- \*Public Speaking

- \*Youth Leadership

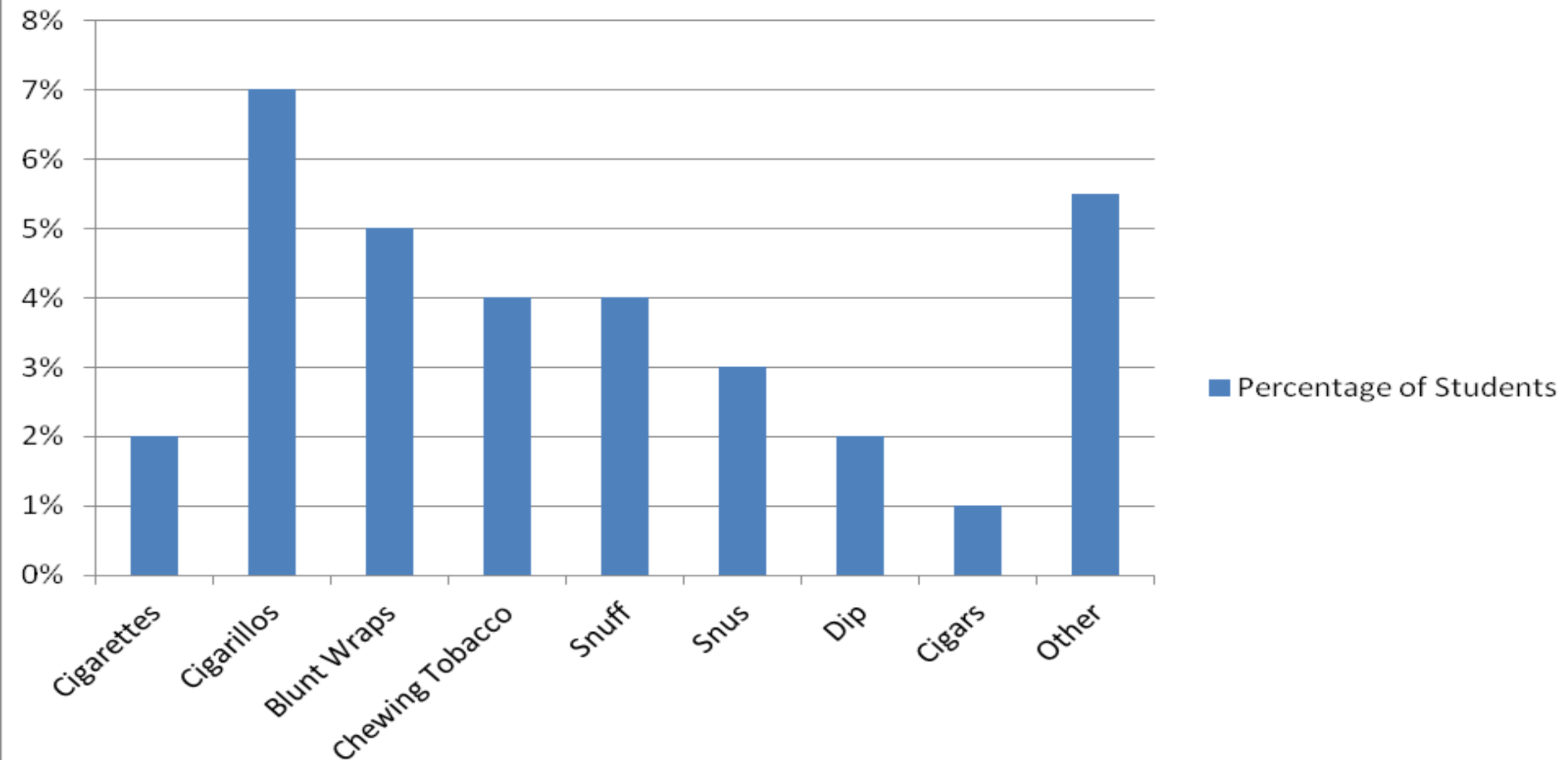
- \*Substance Use Prevention



# 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Tobacco: Cigarillos, Blunt Wraps (used for marijuana)

**Tobacco Use During the Past 30 Days  
Grades 6-8**



**Blunt Wraps/ Cigarillos**  
(Focus groups indicate  
product is used for  
marijuana)



**Cigarillos**



# **Solutions**

## **Addressed “Hot Spots”**

- **Created Public Smoking Laws**
- **Cleaned Up Playgrounds**
- **New Signage**
- **Increased Positive Places for Youth To “Go”**
- **Mini Grant for Lighting and Security Cameras\***

# **Before and After Photos (Identified Drug Hot Spot)**

## **Removal of Rocks Behind Middle High School**



**Identified by youth**

**Supported by data**

**Presented to coalition by youth**

**Police Chief requested  
Highway Dept to remove**

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